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Remarks

The Examiner has entered an Examiner's Amendment correcting minor errors on page 15, acknowledgement of which is hereby made.

Claims 63, 65 and 66 are objected to as being in improper dependent form since they refer to more than one previous claim. In addressing this objection, the Applicant has amended claims 63, 65 and 66 to refer to one claim only. Review and acceptance as well as examination is thereby respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the reference sign 21 on page 18 line 10. In addressing this objection, the Applicant has cancelled reference symbol 21 on page 18 line 10. Review and acceptance is requested.

Claims 54, 57, 58 and 61 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention, referring in particular to "said co-extruded" in claim 54 line 2. The Examiner has suggested a change, which has been incorporated in response thereto. Lines 1 through 3 of claim 57 have been deemed indefinite by the Examiner, and the Examiner has suggested alternative language which has been adopted in the enclosed amendment. No specific mention was made of the rejections to claims 58 and 61 and the Applicant interprets these rejections as being due to their dependency on rejected base claims. Therefore, the amendments to the

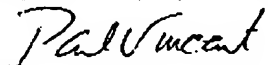
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base claims should resolve the problems with regard to claims 58 and 61. Review and acceptance is requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 34 through 53, 55, 56, 59, 60, 62 and 64 are allowed and that claims 54, 57, 58 and 61 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since all objections and rejections have been addressed, the Applicant believes all claims are now in a position for allowance. Passage to issuance is therefore requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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Enclosures: Amended Figs. 11 and 12

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